

DAVID Y. IGE GOVERNOR

June 19, 2017

GOV. MSG. NO. 1135

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 19, 2017, the following bill was signed into law:

HB942 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS **ACT 035 (17)**

Sincerely,

Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Approved by the Governor

on ______JUN__1 9 _ 2017 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017 STATE OF HAWAII ACT 035 H.B. NO. 942 S.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FILIPINO VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is of great
- 2 importance to honor and commemorate the Filipino veterans of
- 3 World War II who fought with remarkable valor and dedication
- 4 alongside the victorious Allied forces during World War II.
- 5 In December 2016, President Obama signed into a law a
- 6 measure that collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal,
- 7 the nation's highest civilian honor, to more than two hundred
- 8 sixty thousand surviving and deceased Filipino veterans of World
- 9 War II, including those from the Philippines, United States, and
- 10 Territory of Hawaii, who fought under the American flag during
- 11 World War II.
- 12 Establishing a monument to honor and commemorate Filipino
- 13 veterans of World War II would show Hawaii's gratitude to these
- 14 Filipino veterans, provide a visual reminder of these Filipino
- 15 veterans' unique place in American and global history, and
- 16 educate the public on the role that minorities played in the
- 17 outcome of World War II.

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1 '	The	purpose	of	this	Act	is	to	authorize	the	state
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- 2 foundation on culture and the arts to commission an artist to
- 3 design and build a monument to honor and commemorate Filipino
- 4 veterans of World War II.
- 5 SECTION 2. The state foundation on culture and the arts
- 6 shall:
- 7 (1) Commission an artist to design and build a monument to
- 8 honor and commemorate Filipino veterans of World War
- 9 II; and
- 10 (2) Select the location of the monument.
- 11 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the works of art
- 12 special fund established by section 103-8.5, Hawaii Revised
- 13 Statutes, the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as may be
- 14 necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 to design and build the
- 15 monument identified in section 2 of this Act.
- 16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the state
- 17 foundation on culture and the arts for the purposes of this Act.
- 18 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

APPROVED this 19 day of

JUN , 2017

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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HB No. 942, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017 Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

Joseph M. Souki Speaker

House of Representatives

Mi L. Tale

Brian L. Takeshita

Chief Clerk

House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: May 2, 2017 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017.

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President of the Senate

Clerk of the Senate